

REMARKS

Claims 2-52 are currently pending, of which claims 18, 35 and 52 are in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 18, 35 and 52 have been amended to further set forth the present application. No new matter is contained in any amendments. Timely examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 103203-08003.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

18. (Four Times Amended) A data distribution method in a network having a plurality of connected nodes for suitable distributing any content as a transactable product, comprising:

sending through the network

a data package (information package), ~~having the content as a transactable product, for which a boundary is set in accordance with a predetermined attribute for the transaction and data relating to the transaction, and which data package includes the data relating to the transaction, and information which defines a predetermined attribute of said data relating to the transaction which includes the data relating to a transaction and the attribute data which defines an attribute of said data relating to the transaction, and which wherein the data and the attribute data included in the data package are located in a boundary, the boundary is set in accordance with an attribute for the transaction and the data relating to the transaction in order to define the scope of data to be used for the transaction, when the data package is transmitted through the network,~~

supplying the data package which includes data of said content as said data relating to the transaction through the network in accordance with the boundary which is set on the basis of the data package to be supplied by a data server means,

receiving the data package by a data utilization means connected to at least one node on the network, substantially acquiring at least the content ~~according to said in accordance with the boundary by said data utilization means~~, and

carrying out predetermined processing relating to the transaction ~~based on the information on the basis of said attribute data~~ of the predetermined attribute for the transaction of the content each time the content delineated by the boundary is newly substantially acquired by the data utilization means.

35. A computer readable recording medium on which a data package for distribution of any content as a product for transaction in a network ~~having through which~~ a plurality of nodes are connected is recorded and which can be read by a computer substantially connect to the network, ~~the data package comprising:~~

~~any content for which a boundary is set in accordance with a predetermined attribute for the transaction and a data relating to the transaction, and which the data package includes the data relating to the transaction and an information of said predetermined attribute which defines the predetermined attribute of said data, and~~

~~information relating to the control for utilization of the content~~

said data package includes

the data relating to a transaction

having the content as a transactable product and

the attribute data which defines

an attribute of said data relating to the transaction and
an attribute of the control for utilization of the content,
wherein
the data and the attribute data included in the data package are located in
a boundary,

the boundary is set in accordance with an attribute for the transaction and
the data relating to the transaction in order to define the scope of data to be used for the
transaction, when the data package is transmitted through the network.

52. (Three Times Amended) A network system for suitably distributing any content as transactable product, comprising:

one or more data server means and utilization means, and transaction management means comprised on the network system, wherein

said data server means and utilization means transmit and receive through the network system

a data package which includes the data relating to a transaction and the attribute data which define an attribute of said data relating to the transaction, wherein the data and the attribute data included in the data package are located in a boundary, the boundary is set in accordance with an attribute for the transaction and the data relating to the transaction in order to define the scope of data to be used for the transaction, when the data package is transmitted through the network system,

said data server means supply the data package which includes data of said content as said data relating to the transaction, through the network in accordance with the boundary ~~the data package which includes data of said content as said data relating to the transaction~~ which is set on the basis of said data package to be supplied,

said data utilization means receive the supplied data package, and substantially acquire said data of said content in accordance with the boundary, and

said transaction management means ~~performs~~ perform processing relating to the transaction on the basis of said attribute data included in said data package every time said data package is received by ~~said data server means or said data utilization means~~.